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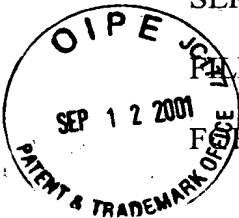
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**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

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The Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.26, a refund of fees that were overpaid in connection with the filing of this application.

**REMARKS**

The present application was filed on June 11, 2001. The applicants are filing for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c) and therefore would be entitled to a refund of the fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.26.

The applicants respectfully request a refund, 50% of the fees paid on June 11, 2001 (\$2,168.00), in the amount of \$1,084.00. This request is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.26 where applicants are entitled to a 50% refund of full fees paid prior to establishing status as a small entity if requested within three months of the date of the timely payment of the full fee.

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**REQUEST FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

This application qualifies for small entity status.

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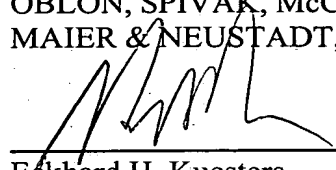
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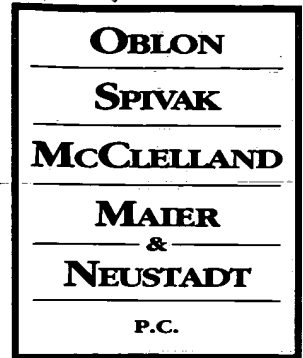
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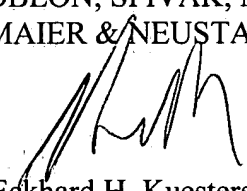
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**REQUEST FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**REQUEST FOR REFUND**  
**PTO NOTICE - EMERGENCY CLOSURE - SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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